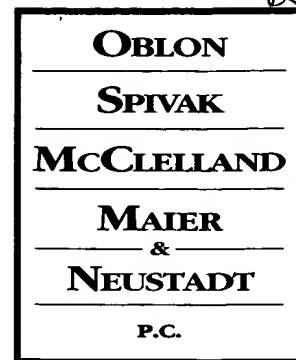




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of _____ is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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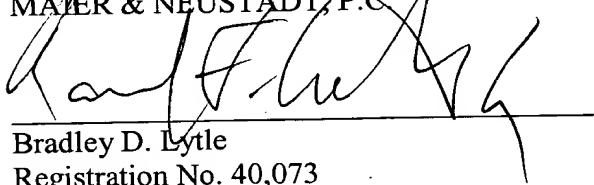
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The Examiner's statement of "REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE" included on pages 3-6 attached to the "Notice of Allowability" (PTOL-37) that is in turn attached to the "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due" mailed September 1, 2004, is mistaken in referring to the subject matter of independent Claim 15 as including "an optical pickup means," and as including a "two-group objective lens."

In this respect, Independent Claim 15 recites "an optical pickup," not "an optical pickup means," and a "primary lens" and a "secondary lens," not a "two-group objective lens."

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